

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Walton et al.
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2009, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 21, 2009, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.